

## **Minutes**

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP**

### **ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**November 17, 1999**

**Board Members Present:** Chairperson Craig Brown, District Court Judge; Gayle Harris, Health Department; Ellen Reckhow, County Commissioner; Lao Rubert; Evester Bailey, Durham Center; Riley Butler, Community Penalties; James W. Ellis Jr., DCC; Carolyn Titus, Deputy County Manager;

**Board Members Absent:** Orlando Hudson, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge; Peter Baker; Captain John Knight, Durham Police Department; Mary Caudle, Community work Service; Candy Clark, Victim's Assistance; Jim Hardin, District Attorney; Shannon Tucker, Assistant Public Defender; Jessie Pickett-Williams, Vocational Rehabilitation; Kenneth Titus, Chief District Court Judge; Wes Crabtree, Office of the Sheriff; Dr. George Wilson; Brian Aus

**Staff:** Gudrun Parmer, Jo Iverson, Wilhelmina Foster-Long, Tishri P. Gibson

**Visitors:** Kenneth E. Lewis, DCC Probation/Parole; Cheryl Morris, DCC Probation/Parole

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Judge Craig Brown at 1:08 p.m.

A motion was carried by Riley Butler to approve the minutes for the September 29, 1999 meeting; James Ellis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Gudrun Parmer and Jo Iverson presented an update of current developments in the programs. Ms. Iverson presented the quarterly program status report, for the month of July there were a total of 116 enrolled, August 109, September 109, and October 98. The total enrollment for CJRC is decreasing. Referral and admission rate is low; the program averages 17 new admissions per month for the three programs. Staff has made efforts to increase referrals by having meetings with judges and probation chiefs, informing them about our program. PPO's are here on-site and hopefully that will help increase referrals. There were 62 terminations during the quarter, which averages out to 16 per month. The dominant reason for terminations was probation violation with 44%, and 25% were for non-compliance. It was noted that there was a percentage of 2 to 5% of DRC and 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance clients in need of Mental Health services. Just Us program report showed that enrollment has decreased to 16 enrolled in September and 11 enrolled in October. During the quarter there were 15 referrals from Juvenile Court Counselors, and 3 from Adult Probation. Judge Brown noted the need to push for more referrals from DAs office, as well as attendance of board meetings and focus on District Court Cases. Also, look into Adult Probation to increase referrals, and make it a standard practice for 16-18 year olds who are not in school to be referred to the "Just Us" program. It was suggested that the Youth Coordinating Board is briefed on Just Us program, to relay information to criminal justice system, by urging them to utilize this resource. James Ellis is in the process of pulling information off the OPUS system for the Youth Coordinator Board regarding youthful offenders between the ages of 16 to 18. There are currently 75 offenders, 35% are in 1 of the 6 local high schools. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance program is holding steady with an average of 37 to 39 enrolled during the months of July – October. Judge Brown raised the issue of homeless offenders, who because of not having an address can not be on supervised probation. The Durham County Homeless shelter can serve as a point of contact or they are incarcerated for a brief period of time at \$48.00 a day. A total of 23 clients completed the programs in the last quarter.

Gudrun Parmer gave a program update with the introduction of Probation Officers Cheryl Morris and Ken Lewis who are now on-site. The van that was purchased with CJPP money was vandalized 4 weeks ago. CJRC had to incur the payment for the repairs, since this was not in the 2000 budget. December 6, 1999, CJRC will be holding a Graduation and Achievement Ceremony for clients, at the Main Library Branch Auditorium. Personnel have hired a SAC II for the Drug Treatment Court Contract. He will be starting Monday, November 29, 1999 and comes from the Harnett County Day Reporting Center. There has been a recommendation for the vacant case manager position; approval is pending from Human Resources. There was a regional meeting for CJPP and program staff to iron out issues of PPO's coming on site. Mrs. Parmer also attended a grant writing workshop, this was to help with issues in the upcoming grant cycle. "Just Us" program is going through Ropes Course, which works on teambuilding and responsibility.

Judge Brown led the discussion regarding future goals for the Board. The current board members have made substantial progress, but the board needs to now focus on getting new people on the board. The board also needs to revisit the plan completed 5 years ago. The need to refocus the plan in terms of the problems we can now identify with, given that we have various resources for the first time. In 6 to 8 months we should be in a position to where we could articulate a revised plan, and have board work together with JCPC to develop a front end for juvenile services. It was noted that we spend a lot of time on oversight and monitoring the program. The CJPAB is given a broader perspective under the statute, which is one of the reasons why there are number of different people around the table, since it takes a collective effort of all the system players to work collaboratively for the system pieces to flow, especially in the Criminal Justice System. The charter is enclosed of CJPP Advisory Board Legislature. At the last meeting it was requested that an Advisory Board Meeting attendance roster be made available to members. The information was collected from the minutes of board meetings from July 1998 to July 1999. Mr. Gary Umstead, clerk to the board has asked the board follow the legislature with a 1, 2, and 3-year assignments. A proposed term assignment was presented to the board. Another system issue that was presented is Pre-trial release. Some CJPP programs have take on Pre-trial release. The consensus was that someone needs to look at this in Durham.

Wilhelmina Foster-Long, Substance Abuse Supervisor provided an overview of the substance abuse treatment program offered at the CJRC. Substance Abuse treatment is made up of three phases; each is in 8-week increments, unless client is non-compliant. Phase I focuses on substance abuse/dependency education, anger management, health issues, life skills, leisure activities and multifamily counseling. Phase II focuses on Relapse Prevention. Phase III focuses on continuing the Recovery Plan and life skills. The Aftercare Program is a 6-month voluntary program and consists of 2 hours of group counseling per week and individual counseling as needed. Urinalysis weekly or BI-weekly, or as needed. NA/AA or other support group meetings are required weekly. The team has 3.5 SAC II and 5 SAC on staff.

The next Advisory Board meeting was set for January 19, 2000. James Ellis, Co-Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.